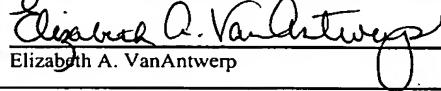


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**TITLE:** APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE HAVING SLITS

### 1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **DIVISIONAL APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/768,891 Prior Art Unit: 1732  
Filed: January 24, 2001 Prior Examiner: Mark Eashoo  
Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE HAVING SLITS  
Inventors: Kazuhiko HIDAKA and Tetsuji TAKAGI

### 2. Papers Enclosed

#### A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

31 Page(s) of Specification  
3 Page(s) of Claims  
1 Page(s) of Abstract  
11 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-12(b))

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

- A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- A Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449

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**4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

- Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

**5. Relate Back**

**A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**

- Priority of provisional application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

**B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)**

- Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
09/768,891	January 24, 2001	Parent

**C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application**

- Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-046530	February 23, 2000

- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/768,891 on January 24, 2001.

**6. Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to NGK Insulators, Ltd. at Reel 011482, Frame(s) 0517-0519 (recorded January 24, 2001).

**7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:**

<b>Basic Filing fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))</b>				<b>\$ 770.00</b>
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